Iron ore extraction in Chhattisgarh

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron ore extracted by NMDC during the last three years from the mines in Chhattisgarh;

(b) out of this the quantum of iron ore made available to the industries in the State the industries in other States in the country and exported;

(c) the reasons for not fulfilling the iron ore's demand of industries in the State by NMDC and by when the demand would be met; and

(d) whether iton ore from the Belladilla mines in the State is being exported to Japan and if so, the quantum of iron ore exported during the last three years?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) The quantum of iron ore extracted by NMDC during the last three years from the mines in Chhattisgarh and made available to the industries in Chhattisgarh, industries in otehr States in the country and exported by NMDC is given below:

(Quantity in million tonne)

Sl.No.		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Quantum of iron ore extracted by NMDC from the mines in Chhattisgarh	16.4	17.6	18.9
2.	Quantum of iron ore made available (supplied) by NMDC to industries in Chhattisgarh State	0.65	1.4	8.5
3.	Quantum of orion ore made available (supplied) by NMDC to industries in other States in the country	11.5	11.8	11.7
4.	Quantum of iron ore exported by NMDC	4.8	5.7	4.8

(c) Chhattisgarh Sponge Iron Manufacturing Association (CSIMA) has indicated its total requirement of iron ore at 8 million tonne in 2005-06.

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Sponge Iron Plants in Chhattisgarh were meeting their requirement from Barbil, Orissa sector as the quality of the ore was more suited to sponge iron. However, since 2003-04, prices of iron ore rose sharply and were not stable. Chhattisgarh based plants wanted to avail/increased off take from NMDC.

In 2006-07, subsequent to meeting of State Chief Secretary with Secretary (Steel), NMDC has made available the agreed 2 million tonne of Bailadila ore to Sponge iron plants in Chhattisgarh. Following table will indicate that NMDC has made more iron ore available to State's sponge iron industry than its actual offtake.

(Quantity in lakh tonne)

Year	Iron ore allocation by NMDC	Actual lifting by Chhattisgarh based plants
2003-04	2.5	0.65
2004-05	5.6	1.4
2005-06	13.00	8.5
2006-07	20.00	8.5 (till October '06)

(d) Yes, Sir. The quantity of iron ore exported from Bailadila mines in Chhattisgarh to Japan during the past three years is as follows:

year	Quantity of iron ore exported to Japan (in million tonnes)
2003-04	3.6
2004-05	3.5
2005-06	3.3

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table. Shri Mahavir Prasad:

कुमारी मायावती (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभापति जी, कानपुर प्रकरण ...(व्यवधान) बाबा साहब अम्बेडकर ...(व्यवधान) इस मामले की सीबीआई जांच होनी चाहिए ...(व्यवधान) मान्यवर इस मामले की सीबीआई जांच होनी चाहिए ...(व्यवधान)